

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LINDA AND JOHNNY MILLER AND HANDS ACROSS THE VALLEY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2000*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two exceptional residents of my congressional district. Thanks to the humanitarian efforts of Linda and Johnny Miller, hundreds of children, parents and seniors in our Napa Valley will not go to bed hungry tonight.

On Saturday, September 23rd, Linda and Johnny Miller will once again host the 7th Annual Hands Across the Valley benefit to raise funds for local food programs. The Millers have made countless contributions to our community. Most recently, they helped raise funds for the care of a little boy who was critically injured in our recent earthquake. But perhaps their greatest contribution that has touched the most lives in our Napa Valley is their tireless efforts regarding this monumental Hands Across the Valley event.

Linda and Johnny Miller have been a driving force behind the success of this benefit since its earliest days. As event pioneers, they joined Eleanor and Francis Ford Coppola as well as 49er Legend Steve Young to celebrate the first Hands Across the Valley event in 1994 at a wonderful restaurant in my district called Bistro Don Giovanni. Five hundred guests participated in that inaugural event to reduce hunger in our county.

Thanks to the Millers, this event has grown every year. Because of their leadership and their many friends, Hands Across the Valley has donated more than \$600,000 to feed Napa's hungry families. This year's event will be bigger and more successful than ever, with nearly 2,000 guests and volunteers working together to ensure none of our neighbors are without food.

Mr. Speaker, the Millers have put their heart and soul into this worthwhile cause because they understand its importance. Despite the media perception of Napa as a community for the wealthy, more than 7% of the county's population is below the poverty level and more than 21% are near the poverty level. A recent survey by the University of California and the Redwood Empire Food Bank found that 43% of individuals seeking food assistance each month at Napa food pantries and soup kitchens are children. The average household seeking assistance has four people. More than 30% do not have a stove or oven and 28% do not have a refrigerator.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is fitting and appropriate to honor the service these two extraordinary individuals have given to our community. I commend all of those involved in this annual benefit and wish them great success on Saturday. We are all better off because of their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GOYA FOODS' DONATION TO THE SMITHSONIAN

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Goya Foods, Inc., and its CEO Joseph A. Unanue, for contributing the company's historical archive to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. The Goya Collection will further the public's education in important and unique ways, illustrating not only Goya's history, but also representing the histories of the thousands of enterprises started by new immigrants and their contributions to America.

The Goya Collection tells the story of how this company, which was founded in 1936 by Spanish immigrants Prudencio Unanue and his wife, Carolina Casal de Unanue, has come to occupy its present position as the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the U.S.

The Goya Collection, including scores of photographs, calendars, sales promotional materials, cookbooks, recipes, product labels, scrapbooks and news clippings, is now housed at the National Museum of American History's Archives Center and its Division of Cultural History.

This collection, the first from a Hispanic-owned business, is a significant addition to the Smithsonian Institution's holdings. It affords researchers and the public the opportunity to learn not only about the growth of a Latino enterprise, but to see how Latino culture has enriched American history. The Goya Collection tells more than the story of one company—it also chronicles an important Chapter in the living history of the Hispanic community in the United States.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in acknowledging Goya Foods' wonderful donation to the Smithsonian.

HONORING JUDGE CLAYTON E. PREISEL

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2000*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime community leader, Judge Clayton E. Preisel. On November 30, community leaders will join family and friends to celebrate the career of Judge Preisel as he marks his retirement after more than 30 years of service in the field of law, and to the citizens of Michigan.

After receiving his Bachelor's Degree in 1951, Clayton Preisel began an 18-year career as a teacher and school administrator. During this time, he also received a Master's Degree. In 1964, he entered Detroit College of

Law. After being awarded a Juris Doctorate in 1968, he began practicing law in 1969. Clayton established himself as a highly successful and competent attorney, and he continued to practice law privately for 23 years. His tenure as a private attorney ended in 1982, when he was appointed to serve as Probate Court Judge for Lapeer County.

In addition to his work in the Probate Court, Judge Preisel has been an influential member of the community. From 1969 to 1982, he served on the Imlay City School Board, and has been a member in good standing of the Lapeer County Bar Association. He has also been involved with groups such as 4-H, United Way, Lions Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Community Foundation, and many other groups dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and families.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Preisel has always tried to treat every person who appeared before him with the utmost dignity and respect. Because of the sometimes sensitive nature of his caseload, he was also dedicated to handling each issue gently and with compassion. I believe what always made Clayton such a special judge and person was the time he spent in the community, meeting with people of all economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. I number Judge Preisel among my cherished personal friends, and I am a better person for having known him. Furthermore, he is responsible for making our community a much better place. For these reasons I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in congratulating Judge Preisel on his retirement.

ONE YEAR AFTER TAIWAN'S DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2000*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, just one year ago today—early on the morning of September 21, 1999—a powerful earthquake rocked Taiwan, leaving over 2,453 people dead, 701 seriously injured, and 52 missing. Immediately after the quake, the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan quickly mobilized and organized relief and rescue efforts. Assistance and donations poured in from across Taiwan and from around the world. Some 21 countries sent more than 700 experts and specialists from many fields to assist in the effort. This was an important show of support and solidarity by the international community for Taiwan.

Now, a year after the tragic quake, it is possible to assess the massive assistance which the Taiwan government has taken to help those affected by the disaster. It has provided \$87 million to assist families with members who died in the quake or are still missing. Monetary compensation for families with total or partially destroyed homes has amounted to

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